

AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

629 Noyes Street

Evanston, Illinois 60201

In response to resolutions passed at the 1968 Business Meeting, we are polling members in respect to two questions involving the Annual Meetings of the Association. The results of this poll will be considered by the Executive Committee in policy decisions affecting the time and places of future Annual Meetings. Your ballot is on the reverse side and instructions appear below.

The first question concerns the place of the 1972 Annual Meeting, presently scheduled at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. As you know, many members protested our holding the 1968 meeting in Chicago, and the majority of those attending the 1968 Business Meeting favored moving the 1972 meeting to some other city.

The second question concerns the time of the year that the Annual Meetings should be held. Four alternatives to the present time have been suggested, and you are asked to indicate your preference among the five options. There have been frequent complaints voiced concerning the inconvenience of attending meetings between Christmas and New Year's when members would prefer to be with their families and when weather conditions may be bad. A major disadvantage of holding the Annual Meeting in late spring or early fall, however, is that young faculty members are rarely hired at these times. The pre-Christmas alternative was suggested in part for this reason and in part because our Canadian members, who typically resume their teaching duties on January 2, find meeting between Christmas and New Year's particularly inconvenient. It should be noted, however, that shifting the time of the Annual Meeting may well increase expenses, because of the uncertainty of obtaining reduced convention hotel rates which are now available for the period between Christmas and New Year's.

Instructions

1. Enter X in the square opposite your choice for each question. Vote only once in each part of the ballot: I, IIA, IIB, and IIC.
2. To be counted, your ballot, appropriately marked, must
(a) be mailed in the envelope provided, with your name entered on the envelope in the upper left-hand corner, and (b) must be in the hands of the Secretary by MARCH 3, 1969.

Every means of identifying the ballots of individual voters will be destroyed before the vote is counted.

Yours truly,

Harold F. Williamson, Secretary.

INFORMATIONAL BALLOT
Concerning the Annual Meeting of the
American Economic Association

(See reverse side for explanation)

I. Change the 1972 Annual Meeting from Chicago.

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

II. Time of Year of the Annual Meeting.

A. Vote for the option which is your first choice.

☐ Between Christmas and New Year's (the present time).

☐ Spring.

☐ Late August or early September.

☐ Alternating between present time one year and late August the next.

☐ A weekend immediately prior to Christmas.

You are urged to indicate your second and third choices only if they are reasonably close to your first choice.

B. Vote for the option which is your second choice.

☐ Between Christmas and New Year's (the present time).

☐ Spring.

☐ Late August or early September.

☐ Alternating between present time one year and late August the next.

☐ A weekend immediately prior to Christmas.

C. Vote for the option which is your third choice.

☐ Between Christmas and New Year's (the present time).

☐ Spring.

☐ Late August or early September.

☐ Alternating between present time one year and late August the next.

☐ A weekend immediately prior to Christmas.

Return by March 3, 1969

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